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Beloved Companion:

Now, while you are carrying on your experiments and practicing whenever you have the opportunity, I am going to talk to you a little about the Monad, for little has been said so far in this regard, and I will use some of the points that have been brought out in the Secret Doctrines. The Monadic Host, Cosmic Swarms of Seed Atoms, may be roughly divided into three great classes: The most developed, who pass, in the First Round, thru the Mineral, Vegetable, and Animal Kingdoms, in their most ethereal, filmy, and rudimentary forms, and reach the Human Stage in the First Round; then there are those that reach the Human Stage during three and a half Rounds; and thirdly, the laggards who are retarded and will not reach the Human Stage at all during this Cycle, by reason of Karmic impediment (there are seven Rounds in one Cycle, and after the fourth is reached and passed, the door is closed.)

Metaphysically, it is absurd, of course, to talk of the Development of a Monad and say that it becomes a Man. A Monad cannot either progress or develop, nor be affected by the changes of state it passes thru, for it is not of this World, or Plane, and may be compared to an indestructible Star of Divine Light, thrown down as a Plank of Salvation for the Individuality in which it dwells, to cling to it and partake of its Divine Nature and obtain Immortality. Left to itself; the Monad clings to no one but drifts away to another Incarnation, by the unresting current of Evolution.

The Evolution of the internal Man is purely Spiritual and it is now no more a passage of the Impersonal Monad thru many forms of Matter, but a journey of the "Pilgrim Soul" thru various states, not only of Matter, but of Self-Consciousness and Self-Perception. The Monad emerges from its state of Spiritual and Intellectual Unconsciousness, and skipping the first two Planes directly gets into the Plane of Mentality which has, in its turn, appropriate smaller planes for every form, from the Mineral Monad to the Divine, but all the time still one and the same Monad, differing only in its Incarnations, thruout its ever-succeeding Cycle of partial and total obscuration of Spirit or Matter, as it ascends into the Realms of Mental Spirituality, or descends into the Depths of Materiality.

When we think of a Human Monad, it applies to the Dual Soul, a combination of the last two Spiritual Principles in man. Do not imagine the Monad as a separate Entity trailing thru a series of transformations into a Human Being, but a Monad, per se, not a Soul manifesting in the various Kingdoms.

The tendency toward segregation into Individuality is gradual, it is accomplished by the Tidal Waves of Evolution; the Monad begins to imperceptibly differentiate toward Individual Consciousness in the Vegetable Kingdom. As the Monads are uncompounded things, it is the Spiritual Essence which vivifies them, not the Atomic Aggregation, which is the only Substance thru which thrill the lower and higher degrees of Intelligence.

Lunar Monads reached the Human-germ stage in the First Round and became Terrestrial, altho very Ethereal, Humans toward the end of the Third Round, remaining as the seed for future Mankind

in the fourth Round. Other Monads reached the Human Stage during the second period of the first half of the Fourth Round. Those occupying Animal Forms after the middle turning-point of the fourth Round will not become men at all in this Manvantara, they will reach the stage of Humanity only at the close of the seventh Round, and then be ushered into a new Evolution after the Cosmic Night. Therefore, no more Monads can enter the Human Kingdom, the door is now closed and the balance struck.

Man is the highest form on the earth of the Monad in its absolute totality and awakened condition. It is the Monad when it incarnates in conjunction with the Mind which is referred to as a Personal Ego. The Monad is first shot down into the lowest form of Evolution, after a seven-fold gyration in the first Round, in what will become Mineral, in the fourth Round, it passes thru Vegetable Matter into what is called Animal Matter. It has now reached the point at which it has to become the germ of the Animal Body that will become the Physical Man. All this, up to the third round, is formless as Matter and senseless as Consciousness. The Monad, therefore, requires a Spiritual Model for that Material to shape itself into, and an Intelligent Consciousness to guide its Evolution.

Occult Doctrine teaches that while the Monad is cycling downward into Matter there is a Lower Kingdom of Celestial Beings who are evolving with it on a Higher and more Spiritual Plane, descending, also, relatively into Matter on their own Plane of Consciousness, when after having reached a certain point, they will meet the Incarnating, senseless Monad encased in the lowest Matter, and blending the two Potencies, Spirit and Matter, will produce the Terrestrial Symbol of the Heavenly Man. (The work of the Lords of Mind.)

The Monad of every living being has a certain kind of special Personality of its own during one special Manvantara, or Age; its primary, the Spirit, is One with Universal Spirit, (My Father and I are One), but the vehicle, Soul, it is enshrined in, is part of the Divine Essence of the Seventh Plane. When the Cosmic Night will have reduced Physical Bodies and their Spiritual Egos to their original Principle, everything will have re-entered the Great Breath; everything will be merged in the Divine Unity. This re-absorption is Absolute Existence, and unconditioned Unity, nor is a Personality, or even the Essence of the Personality, lost. Once this state is reached, the same Monad will re-emerge therefrom as a still Higher Being, on a far Higher Plane, to recommence its Cycle of perfected activity.

The Logos is Spirit, or as Occultism explains, it is the compound Unity of manifested Living Spirits, the prime source and Nursery of all Mundane and Terrestrial Monads, plus their Divine Reflection, which emanates from and returns into the Logos, each in the culmination of its time. The Monad, viewed as one, is above the Seventh Principle, that is, it is Cosmic, and as a Triad in man -- Spirit, On its way to the Earth, and on its way back from the Earth, each Soul born in and from the Boundless Height has to pass thru the Seven Planetary Regions either way. The Monad has to pass thru its Mineral, Vegetable, and Animal Forms before the Light of the Logos is awakened in the Animal Man.

Until then, the latter cannot be referred to as Man, but has to be regarded as a Monad imprisoned in ever-changing Form. The Monads of Man and Animal are fundamentally identical, but there is the impassable abyss of Mentality and Self-Consciousness.

The Monad is impersonal and a God, per se, howbeit unconscious of it, on this Plane. It is a drop in the shoreless ocean of Primeval Differentiation. It is Divine in its Higher, and Human in its Lower, Condition, but a Monad it remains at all times. As the Logos reflects the Universe in the Divine Mind, and the Universe reflects itself in each of its Monads, so the Monad has to reflect itself in every Root-form of every Kingdom.

The number of Monads incarnating on Earth is very limited, ever since the Second Race when their respective Seven Roots were furnished with Bodies, several births and deaths may be allowed for every second of Time. The pouring in of new Monads ceased when Humanity reached its full Physical Development at the middle-point of the Atlantean Race. These very Monads who entered the Astral Figures of the First Race are the ones who are now amongst us, nay, are ourselves, and it is only this Doctrine of Reincarnation that can explain to us the mysterious Doctrine of Good and Evil, and reconcile Man to the apparent Injustice of Life.

The Divine Monad, therefore, voluntarily exiled itself from Heaven to descend into Matter, for incarnating purposes, and transformed the Animal Clay into an Immortal God. Well may the Angels aspire to become Men, for the Perfect Man is a Man-God who is far above the Angels.

"Properly to desire a blessing is to deserve it, for actions are motives let loose on the Invisible Billows of the Energies of Nature. When once the threshold of Nature is reached, and the door of Occult Light pushed ever so little ajar, the confusion and vacillation about the Initiate begins to lessen and calm Decision to take their place. If this Decision be for good and for the Higher Ideal, the Forces of Will and Mentality increase enormously, for now all the Forces are acting in the same direction thruout all the different Planes of Nature, as well as of our own Being."

"As man lives more in his Spiritual body, he can control and subjugate the Destiny of the natural man. Spirit being absolute over all things, he who lives in the Spirit can surmount all the annoyances that afflict the Physical Man, be they sidereal or terrestrial tendencies. The natural man does not exist outside of Nature, but forms an integral part thereof, and whatever affects the whole will affect the individual."

(The Hidden Way Across the Threshold.)

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood,

Sri Dayananda,

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